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- 1. PRC EMBASSY MOSCOW COUNSELOR TSIEN CHI-SHEN RECENTLY MADE FEW COMMENTS TO FRG ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ON STATUS OF SOVIET-PRC TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN QUIETLY UNDERWAY IN MOSCOW SINCE MARCH 10.
- 2. ACCORDING TO TSIEN, NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING SLOWLY AS USUAL. TOTAL 1975 PLANNED TURNOVER WILL BE, AS EXPECTED, IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 210 MILLION RUBLES (ABOUT US DOLS 300 MILLION ON BASIS OF CURRENT OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE OF US DOLS 1.43 EQUALS ONE RUBLE.)
- 3. COMMODITY STRUCTURE IS EXPECTED TO DIFFER LITTLE FROM 1974 AND 1973. EARLY IN NEGOTIATIONS CHINESE ASKED SOVIETS CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC ITEMS OF METALLURGICAL EQUIPMENT.

AFTER A FEW DAYS SOVIETS RESPONDED THAT NONE OF THE ITEMS WHICH THE CHINESE HAD REQUESTED IS AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT.

4. TSIEN WAS VAGUE ON WHEN NEGOTIATIONS WILL WIND UP, BUT MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF MID-MAY. STOESSEL

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